

THE
Childs Monitor
 AGAINST
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first for the private Use
 of a Child of a Person of
 Quality, who hath Po-
pish Parents.

and now made publick for
 the Benefit of others, to
 prevent their being drawn
 aside from the Commu-
 nion of the Church of
 England.

1 John 3. 7.

*Children, let no Man de-
 ceive you.*

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Against

POPERY, &c.

Dear Child,

I am very glad to hear,
that you continue firm
in your Religion, and
are still a true Son of the
Church of England. I know
you will be strongly temp-
ed to a Change; and do
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therefore desire you to observe these following Directions.

Say your Prayers, Morning and Evening. Particularly beg of God ; To keep you by his Power , through Faith unto Salvation. And with your daily Devotions repeat this Prayer.

Defend me, O Lord who am thy Child and Servant with thy heavenly Grace , that may continue thine ever , and daily
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rise in thy Holy Spirit
 more and more,
 until I come unto thine
 Everlasting Kingdom.
 Amen.

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Read constantly the Holy
 Scriptures, especially such
 Parts and Portions as are
 most easy for your capacity.
 As the Psalms, Proverbs, the
 Gospels. And indeed the
 whole New Testament, ex-
 cepting the Revelations, the
 Epistles to the Romans and
 Hebrews; which till your
 judgment is riper, you may
 leave alone: Only in the Ro-
 mans,

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mans, the 12. and 13 Chapters, and the 11, 12, and 13 Chapters of the *Hebrews*, are very easy and intelligible; and as such I would advise you often to read them.

Timothy did know the Scriptures from a Child. And *St. Paul* assures him, they were able to make him *Wise unto Salvation*. 2 Tim, 3: 15.

III.

If your Parents should be urgent with you (as I believe they will) and should charge

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charge you upon their Blessing to go to Mass;

You may then make this Answer.

That you do most heartily beg their Blessing ; which you hope they will freely give you : But if they should be so harsh and unnatural as to deny it ; yet still do you beg it of them. And then do not doubt ; but that God will say *Amen*, and give you Blessing.

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*When my Father and my
Mother forsake me, the Lord
taketh me up. Psal. 27.*

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You may with Submissi-
on tell them. That though
it is the Duty of Children
to obey their Parents ; yet
that Duty is expressed with
this Limitation ; *In the Lord.*
Ephes. 6. 1. Intimating
That if our Earthly Pa-
rents Command any thing
which is unlawful : We
must then remember, that
we have an Heavenly Fa-
ther, who commands the
Contrary.

And

And therefore being persuaded, that it is unlawful so to do,

You must not go to Mass, though they do command you.

IV.

If they shall then shew you the *Missal*, or other Popish Books ; and shall bid you look and read, how Pious and devout they are, and what Excellent Prayers are contained in them, and

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and whether it is not prejudice and perverseness to neglect such Devotions.

To this you may Answer;

You do not doubt, but there are good Instructions in many *Popish* Books. But so there likewise are in the Books of *Jews, Turks, and Heathens*; *Cato's Verses*, and *Tully's Offices* are both Excellent Books. And there are many good things in the *Alcoran*. And *Moses* his Law we Christians do receive and acknowledg to be

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be from God. But what then? Must we therefore turn *Heathens*, or *Turks*, or *Jews*? They will not say that we must. By the same Reason neither are you obliged to turn *Papist*, because there are many good things in *Popish Books*.

For the Question is not, Whether there are not many good things in *Popish Books*. Who denies it?

But the Question is, Whether there are not some things bad; as having no Warrant from Holy Scripture

pture? And in such a Case
 our Blessed Saviour hath
 admonished us. In vain they
 do *Worship me*, teaching for
Doctrines the Commandments
of Men. Matth. 15. 9.

V.

If they shall next ask
 you what those things
 are; either in the *Mass-Book*,
 or any other of their De-
 votions, which you think
 are bad, and contrary to
 Scripture,

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Your Reply may be this;

That there are Learned Men in the Church of England, who can both tell, and prove it to them.

But as for your self, you are but a Child, and are not able to Dispute. You do therefore desire them, that they would as yet let you alone, and permit you to serve God as you have been Instructed in the Church of England.

The which Liberty you do with the greater Confidence

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dence beg of them ; because in the Worship of the Church of England, there is nothing required of you, either to be believed, or practised, which they or their *Priests* can pretend to be unlawful.

That this may appear, desire them to consider,

That Religion doth consist of two Parts. *Faith* and *Obedience*. As to your *Faith*. You believe the *Apostles Creed*. And as to *Obedience*. The *ten Commandments* are your Rule. You know your *Duty towards God*, and your

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Duty towards your Neighbour;
as they are expressed in your
Church Catechism.

You do remember the
Promise and Vow which
was made for you at your
Baptism; and which you
your self ratified in your
Confirmation. Whereupon you
may desire them to resolve
you,

Whether, he who doth
renounce the Devil and all
his Works, the Pumps and
Vanity of this wicked World,
and all the sinful Lusts of the
Flesh? Whether he who
believes all the Articles of
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the Christian Faith? Whether he who endeavours to keep Gods Holy Will and Commandments, and walk in the same all the Days of his Life? and when he hath offended God, humbly begs Pardon in the Name, and for the sake of *Jesus Christ*. Whether he who daily prays to God for Grace, and divine Assistance, according to the Directions in the *Lords Prayer*?

I say let them resolve you,

Whether such a one, who doth thus believe, and thus practise, may not come to Heaven,

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Heaven, though he doth
not presently turn *Papist*, by
believing the *Pope* to be the
Vicar of *Christ*, and head of
the Church.

VI.

Do not think any Argu-
ment unanswerable, because
you your self cannot answer
it. Should any one bid you
to lift such a Log of Wood,
or piece of Lead, which
being too heavy for you, you
are not able to stir, will you
therefore say, no Man else
can lift it? Whereas there
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are not only a great many Porters who can carry it, but even you your self, when you come to be a grown Man, may be able to do it.

In like manner,

Those very Arguments which now do puzzle you, are not only answered by several learned Men ; but even you your self, when your Parts are ripened , and your Understanding enlarged, may be able to answer.

Lastly, Go to your Minister, and desire him to Pray
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for you , and to give
you his Directions.

'Tis his Work and Bu-
siness to dispute and defend
your Religion. 'Tis yours
to believe and practise it.

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useful Books against
Popery.*

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them from the Church of
England. By the Author of
the Childs Monitor against
Popery. VI.

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fourth, and last Volume
Translated from the *Greek* by
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Press, and will be Published
next *Easter Term*.